

## THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Duane and Joanne Moon to the glory of God and in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

### Today's Schedule

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
4:00 p.m. - Faith Builders

### Wednesday

5:15 p.m. - Youth Bells  
6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday

7:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Roughriders Game (*Meet at the stadium.*)

### Saturday

1:00 p.m. - Youth/Parent Triennium Meeting

### Next Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

We want to periodically remind you that each Sunday sermon is posted in audio form on the church website, [fpcmesquite.org](http://fpcmesquite.org). From the home page, click on the *Worship* tab, select *Sermon Audio*, and then choose which sermon you want to listen to.

### THOSE WHO SERVE

*Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor*  
*Casey McCollough—Director of Music*  
*B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician*  
*Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant*  
*Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus*



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April 24, 2016

5th Sunday of Easter

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, a plus sign (+) indicates 11:00 only, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. The Music Director will indicate the appropriate time to stand for the hymns.*

VOLUNTARY *In Thee Is Gladness* arr. Dale Wood

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

INTROIT + *Come, Followers of Christ* Butler

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Malachi 1:11*  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also with you.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

\*HYMN 4 *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show*

\*OPENING PSALM from Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**Before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

**For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,

**You increased my strength of soul.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand and your right hand delivers me.

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (*Hymn 546*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 130 NT*) Acts 11:1-18

*The first reading is usually from Acts during the season of Easter.*

THE GOSPEL READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 100 NT*) John 8:2-11

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (8:45) *When I Survey* arr. Tom Fettke

Duet—Brenda Greer and Patti Bettis

(11:00) *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Dale Wood

Chancel Choir

*The text of this anthem may be found as Hymn 2.*

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN 383 *I Love to Tell the Story*

SERMON *They Were Forgiven* Harry C. Meissner  
“Forgiven for Failure”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for  
our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was  
raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful wit-  
nesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is  
our Lord and our God. Amen.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION TO THE OFFERING #

*Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to  
others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your atten-  
dance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will pro-  
vide contact information, especially your email address, so that we  
may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Gift to Be Simple* arr. Dale Wood

\*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 544*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*\*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy king-  
dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN 110 (*first tune*) *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE + *Go Show the World We Care* Butler

VOLUNTARY *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Dale Wood

## OUR INVITATION

*Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Je-  
sus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some  
community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you  
can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and wit-  
ness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter,  
please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or  
speak to the minister following the service.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

# Elder - (8:45) Jan Fort, (11:00) Marilyn Saams

\*\* Deacon - (8:45) Karen Hunt, (11:00) David Starnes

Candle lighter - (11:00) Kade Williams

## ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

During the season of Easter, many traditions omit the penitential acts and  
replace them with more celebrative ones. We are following that tradition  
here at FPC during the Easter season, as the opening Psalm replaces the  
prayer of confession

The pastor concludes this brief sermon series today—*They Were Forgiven..*